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Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures – a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games!
Where the Chaotix close in on their missing friends, Mighty and Ray!

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PREVIOUSLY...

High above the planet's surface drifts the mysterious Angel Island, whose master emerald allows this lost continent to stay freely afloat amongst the clouds. But the price of freedom is eternal vigilance, and that's where the Chaotix come in – a team of friends who protect Angel Island and the Master Emerald from the forces of evil!

Months ago, Espio the Chameleon was revealed to be a ninja spy from a far-away clan called the Shinobi. Espio came clean to his team, and revealed that he had been secretly collecting information on each team member over the years – one of those revelations was that team power-house Mighty the Armadillo's long-thought-dead sister was actually still alive! Mighty left the team along with Ray the Flying Squirrel in the hopes of finding his sister and re-uniting his family. Mighty and Ray kept in touch with their teammates for a time, but recently the letters stopped coming, so the Chaotix ventured to the last known location of their friends – the Kingdom of Mercia!

Joining up with the Mercian chapter of Freedom Fighters, lead by expert-archer Bow Sparrow, the Chaotix discovered that Mighty and Ray had already been and gone. To determine where next the duo went, the Chaotix helped Bow's team infiltrate the castle base of Eggman's evil sub-boss known as Lord Hood. The battle was vicious, but our heroes emerged victorious! With the Mercian people freed, the Chaotix continue their quest to find their missing friends by venturing into the sweltering desert, and the dreaded Sand Blast City...



WHO'S WHO



VECTOR
THE CROCODILE
CHAOTIX DE FACTO
LEADER



ESPIO
THE CHAMELEON
CHAOTIX NINJA



CHARMY BEE
VETERAN CHAOTIX
FLYER



FLEX & JITTERS
MIGHTY & RAY
UNDERCOVER

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WE DIDN'T COME
HERE LOOKING
FOR TROUBLE.

WELL, AIN'T
THAT A SHAME?
'CAUSE YOU'VE
FOUND
PLENTY!

SPECIAL
THANKS TO
MAYUKA
KOBAYASHI,
ANTHONY
GACCIONE
and
CINDY
CHAU
AT SEGA
LICENSING!

VECTOR
CHAOTIX
LEADER

CHARMY
CHAOTIX
FLYER

ESPIO
CHAOTIX
NINJA



LISTEN--ALL WE'RE
DOING IS LOOKING FOR
A FRIEND OF OURS. YOU
JUST ANSWER A FEW
QUESTIONS, AND
NOBODY GETS
HURT.

AW, NOW THAT
IS HI-LARIOUS!
TAKE 'EM!

TEX
SAND BLASTER
MUSCLE

JACK
SAND BLASTER
LEADER

JOLT
SAND BLASTER
SPEEDSTER

SHIFT
SAND BLASTER
TRAPPER

GYEPP!

**AVERY
SAND
BLASTER
ENGINEER**

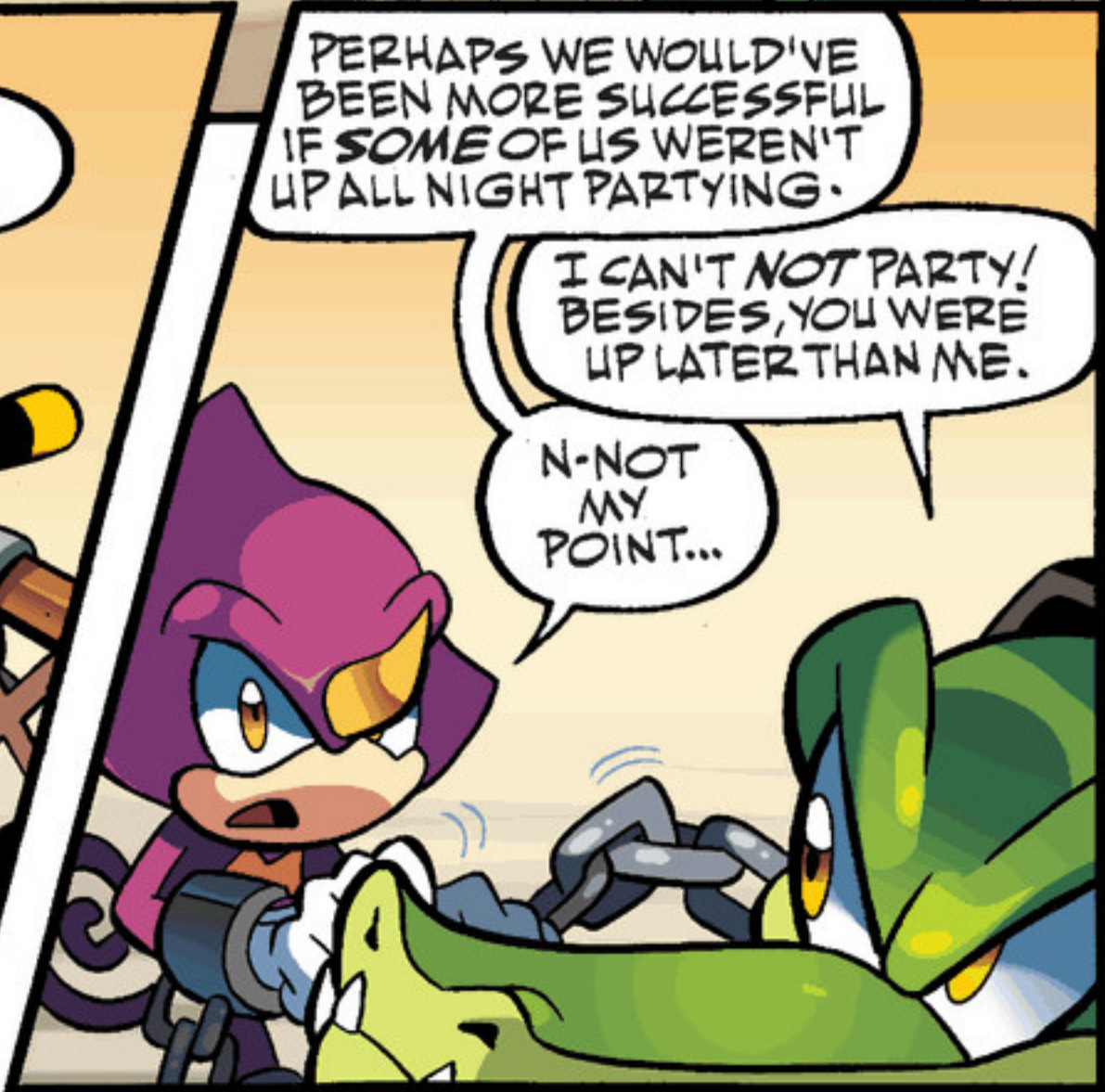
**AHH!!
HELP!**

CHARMY!

I'M VERY MUCH
APPRECIATIVE FOR
THE DISTRACTION,
AVERY!

HRRF!!
NOT BAD, BUT
I'VE THROWN
DOWN WITH THE
BEST!

YEAH,
YOU AIN'T HALF
BAD. AIN'T HALF
GOOD, EITHER.
NOW HOW ABOUT
YOU GIVE UP
BEFORE I GIVE
INTO MY ITCHY
TRIGGER
FINGER.





IT'S YOU! WE
FINALLY FOUND YOU!
AW, MAN, WE WERE
SO WORRIED ABOUT
YOU, M--



ZIP IT,
LEATHER-FACE!
WHEN I WANT YOU
TO SAY SOMETHIN',
I'LL TELLYA!



YOU KNOW
THESE GUYS?

Sigh.

YEAH...
THEY'RE MY OLD
GANG. I LEFT 'EM
BEHIND TO TRY
SOMETHING NEW,
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE
THEY MANAGED TO
TRACK ME DOWN.
THEY'RE LOYAL.
STUPID, BUT
LOYAL.



HAHAHAHA!
YOU'RE A MAN AFTER
MY OWN HEART, FLEX!

Heh... THANKS,
JACK.



LOOK, LET ME TAKE 'EM
BACK TO MY PLACE AND
GET 'EM IN LINE. THEY
MAY FOLLOW ME, BUT I
FOLLOW YOU. I JUST
NEED A LITTLE TIME TO
BEAT THE PECKING
ORDER INTO
'EM.

THEY'RE ALL
YOURS, FLEX!
KNOCK YOUR-
SELF OUT. OR
THEM.
HAHAHAHA!



SOON...

YOU OKAY, VEC? I'M SORRY IF I WAS TOO ROUGH WITH YOU.

PSHE! NAH-- BARELY... BARELY FELT IT...

MIGHTY
CHAOTIX
STRONG
MAN

YAY! YOU'RE NOT REALLY A MEAN JERK!

SORRY FOR THE SCARE, CHARMY! BUT WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE?

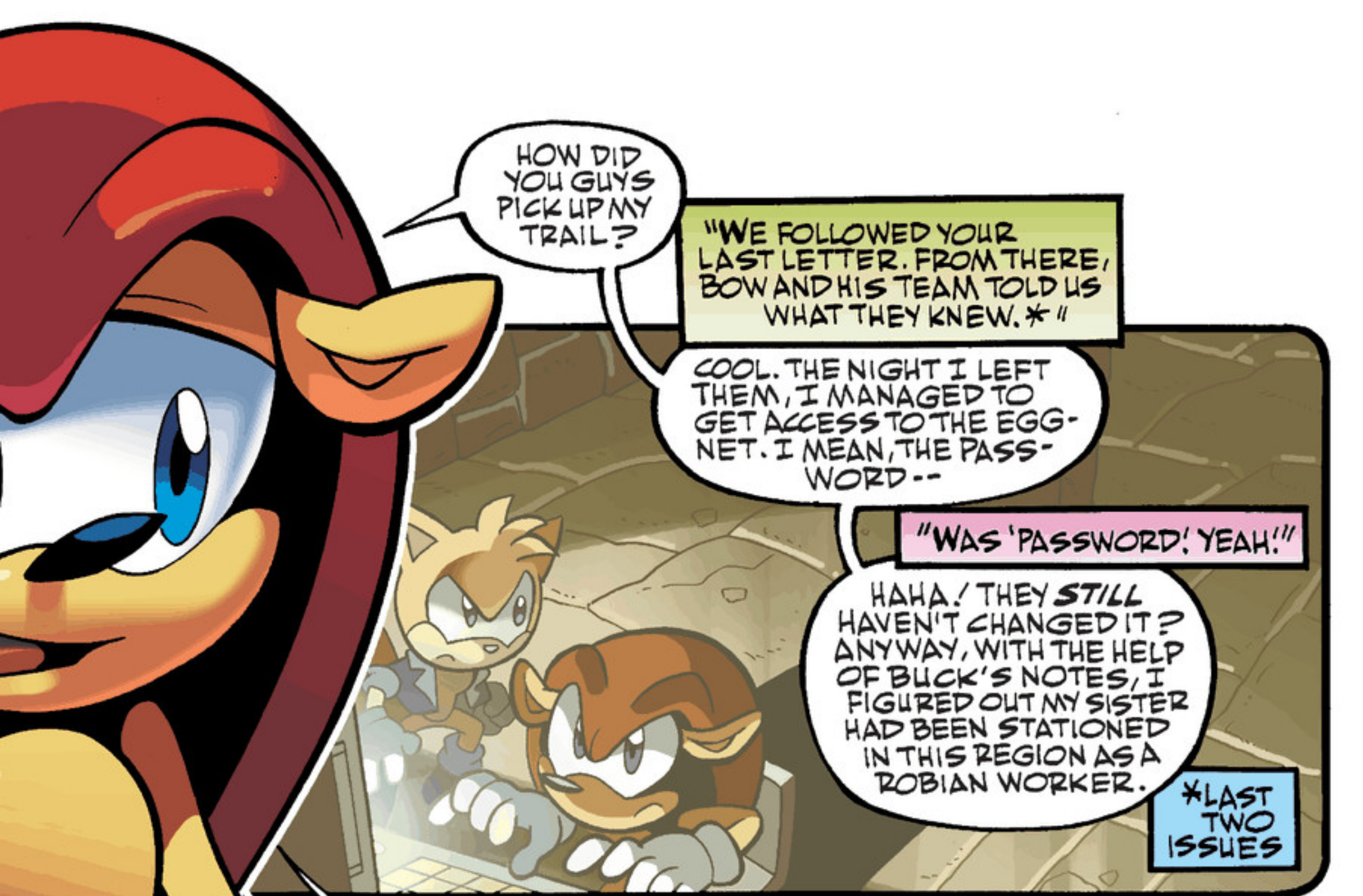
YOU CAME *THIS* CLOSE TO BLOWING MY COVER!

HOW WERE WE TO KNOW? THE LETTERS STOPPED COMING, AND THEN YOU SENT US THE WARP RING. WE WERE WORRIED SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU!

W-WE NEVER HAD A CHANCE T-TO STOP BY ANGEL ISLAND F-FIRST!

OKAY-OKAY. YOU'RE HERE NOW, AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS. I'VE BOUGHT US SOME TIME, SO I CAN FILL YOU IN ON WHAT HAPPENED.

RAY
JUNIOR
CHAOTIX
FLYER



HOW DID YOU GUYS PICK UP MY TRAIL?

"WE FOLLOWED YOUR LAST LETTER. FROM THERE, BOW AND HIS TEAM TOLD US WHAT THEY KNEW. *"

COOL. THE NIGHT I LEFT THEM, I MANAGED TO GET ACCESS TO THE EGG-NET. I MEAN, THE PASS-WORD--

"WAS 'PASSWORD'! YEAH!"

HAHA! THEY *STILL* HAVEN'T CHANGED IT? ANYWAY, WITH THE HELP OF BUCK'S NOTES, I FIGURED OUT MY SISTER HAD BEEN STATIONED IN THIS REGION AS A ROBIAN WORKER.

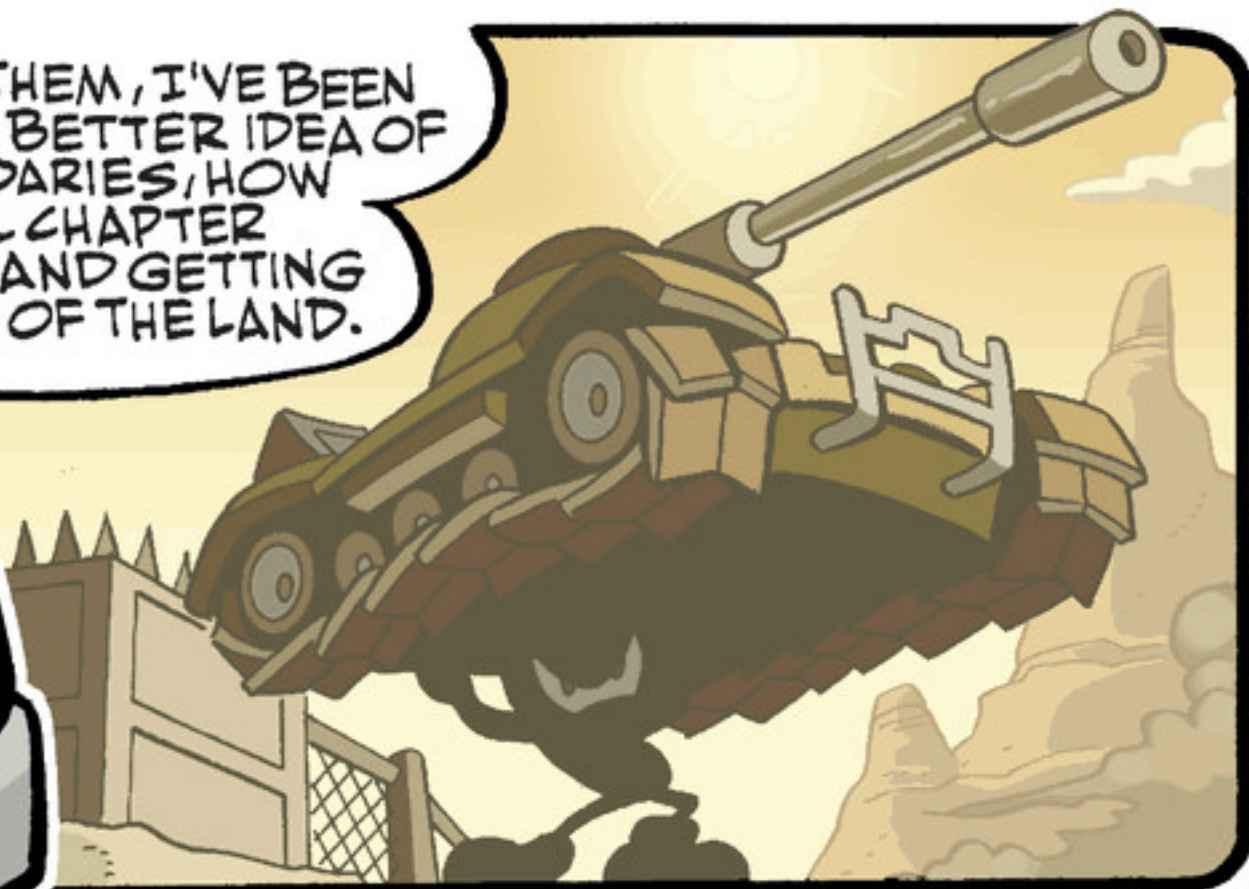
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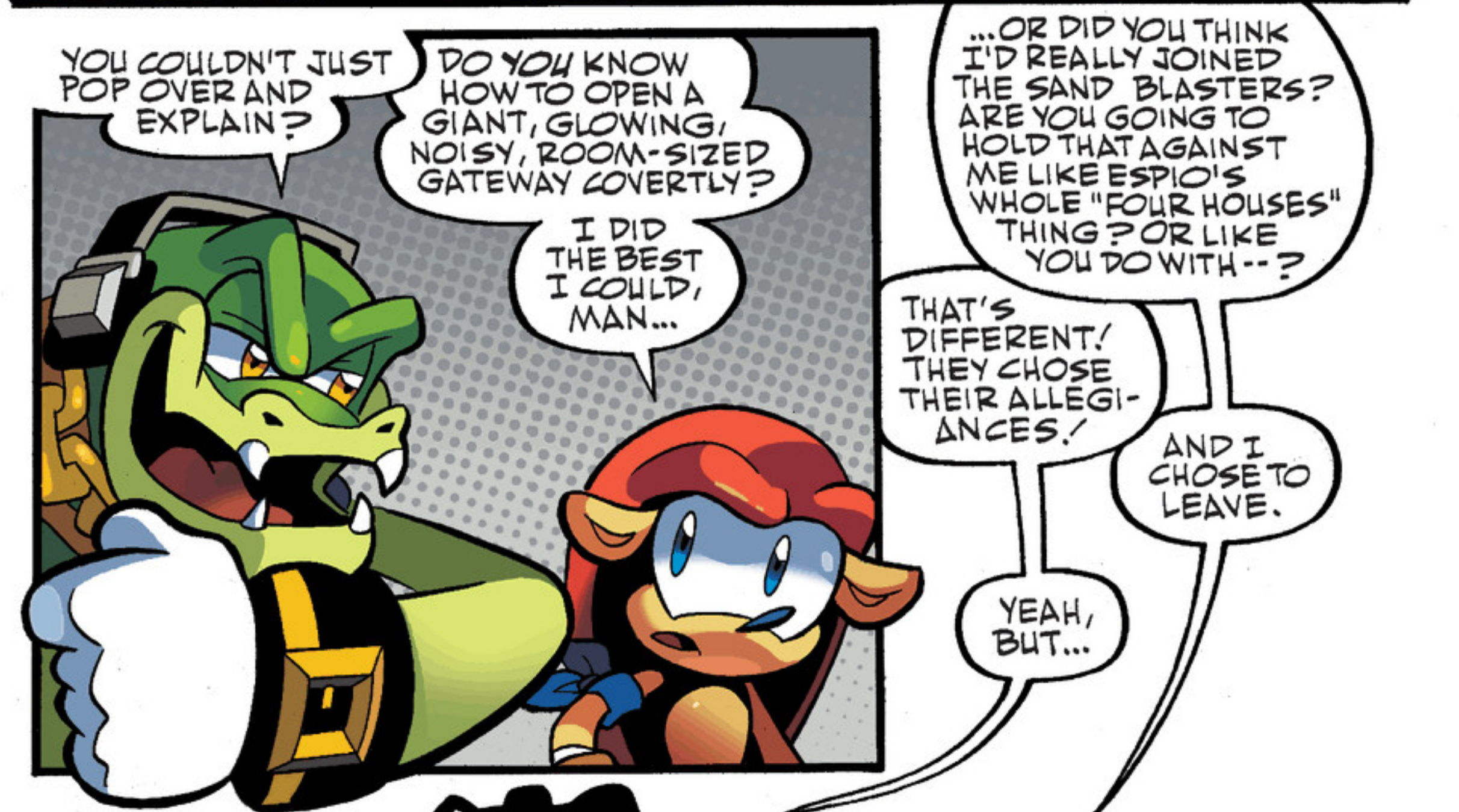
SINCE ALL THOSE FORMER ROBANS WERE NOW SERVING EGGMAN, I NEEDED A WAY TO INVESTIGATE THEM SAFELY.

I HEARD FROM SONIC THAT THE SAND BLASTERS WERE BAD NEWS, BUT I COULDN'T JUST WALK UP TO EGGMAN'S FORCES, EITHER.

SO WE JOINED THE SAND BLASTERS UNDER NEW IDENTITIES. IT WAS OUR "SAFEST" OPTION.

THROUGH THEM, I'VE BEEN GETTING A BETTER IDEA OF THE BOUNDARIES, HOW THIS LOCAL CHAPTER WORKS, AND GETTING MY LAY OF THE LAND.





ANYWAY, NOW THAT WE'VE FOUND YOU, THE CHAOTIX ARE OFFICIALLY TOGETHER AGAIN! EXCEPT... Y'KNOW, KNUCKLES AND THE OTHERS... BUT YOU GET WHAT I MEAN.!

I GET YOU.

WHAT WAS THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR PLAN TO FIND YOUR SISTER?

THE BARON. HE'S THE LEADER OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE EGGMAN ARMY.

SO YOUR TIMING TURNS OUT TO BE PERFECT. I CAN TRUST YOU GUYS TO LOOK AFTER RAY WHILE I GO MEET WITH HIM.

NUH-UH! YOU CAN'T LEAVE AGAIN--WE JUST FOUND YOU! AND YOU JUST SAID YOU COULDN'T SIMPLY WALK UP TO THOSE GUYS!

GOING OFF WHAT I'VE HEARD...*

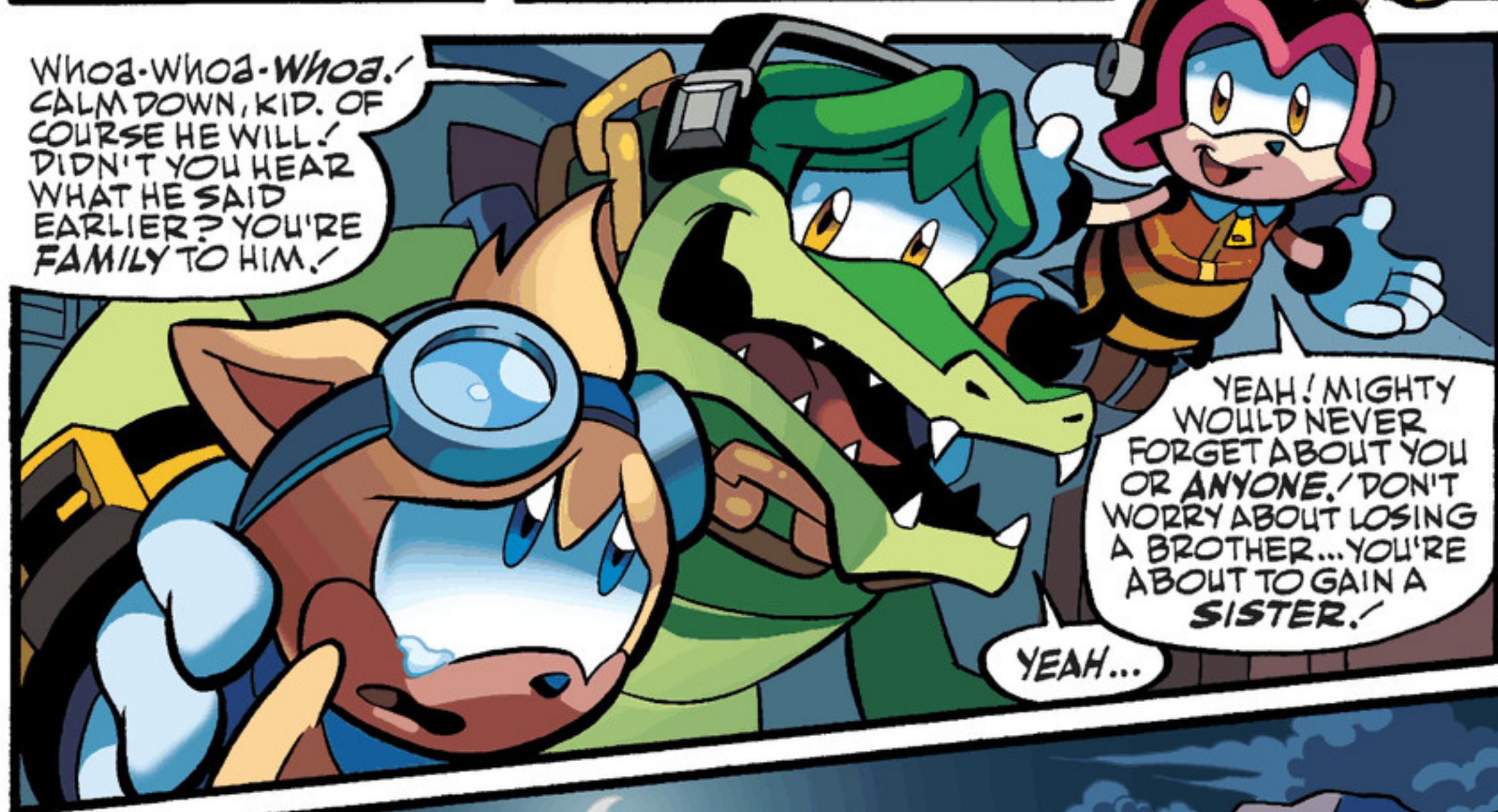
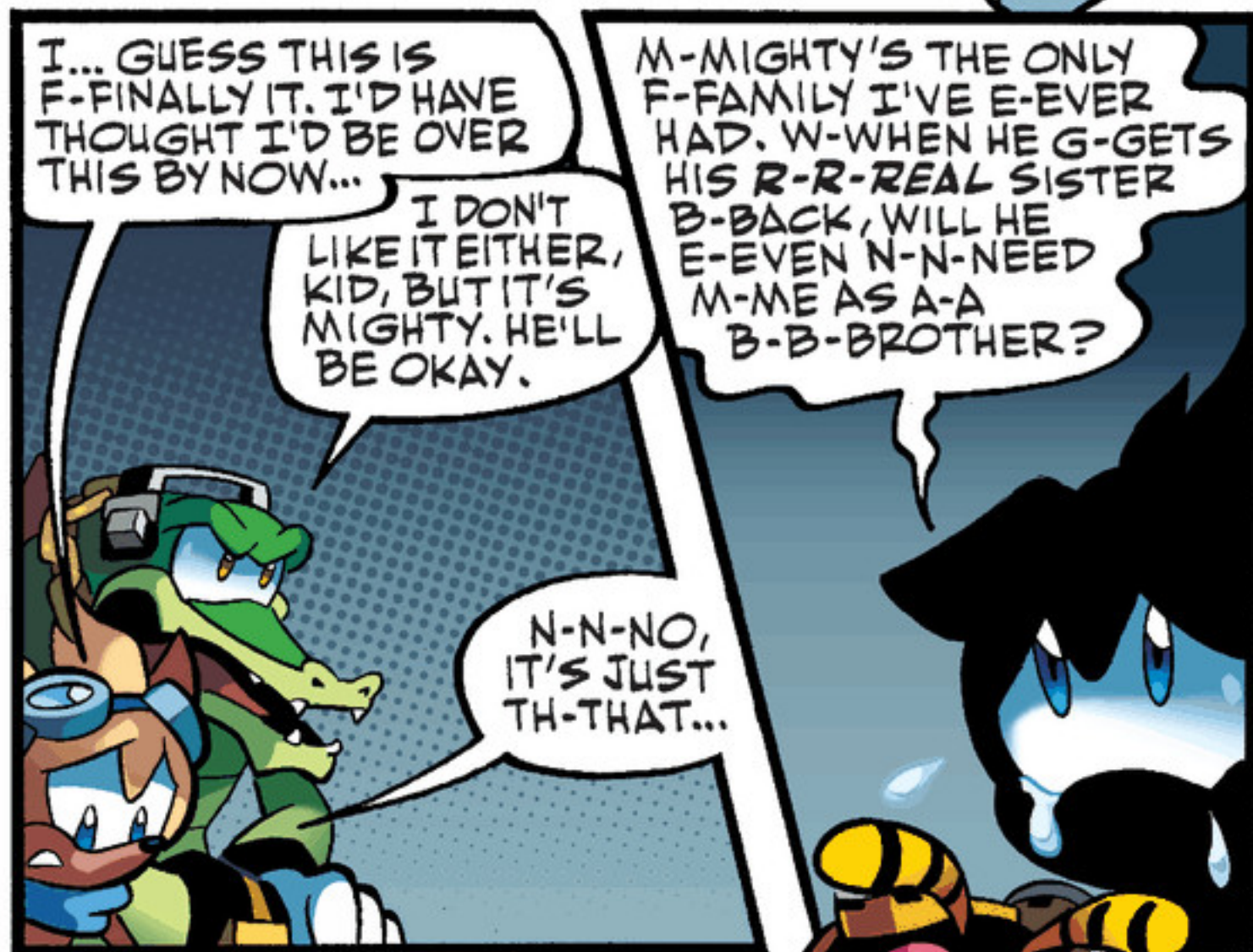
...AND SEEING HOW THIS CHAPTER OPERATES, I'M PRETTY SURE THE BARON IS A REASONABLE MAN. OR-- AT LEAST--IF HE'S TALKING TO ME INSTEAD OF AN ENTIRE TEAM OF SAND BLASTER LUNATICS.

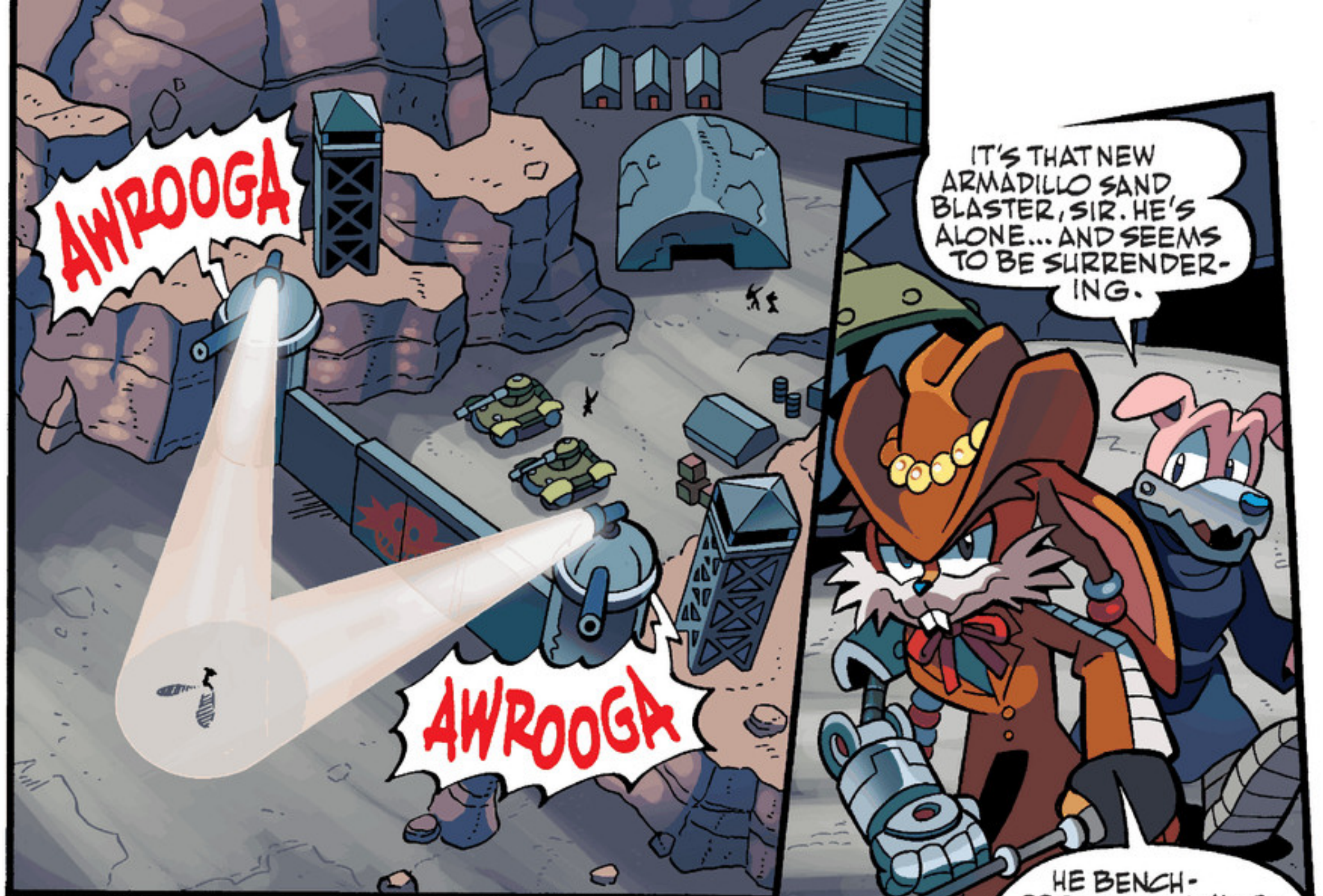
N-N-N-NO! L-L-L-LET M-M-ME HELP!

SORRY, LITTLE BUDDY. I CAN'T RISK LOSING ANY MORE FAMILY ON THIS.!

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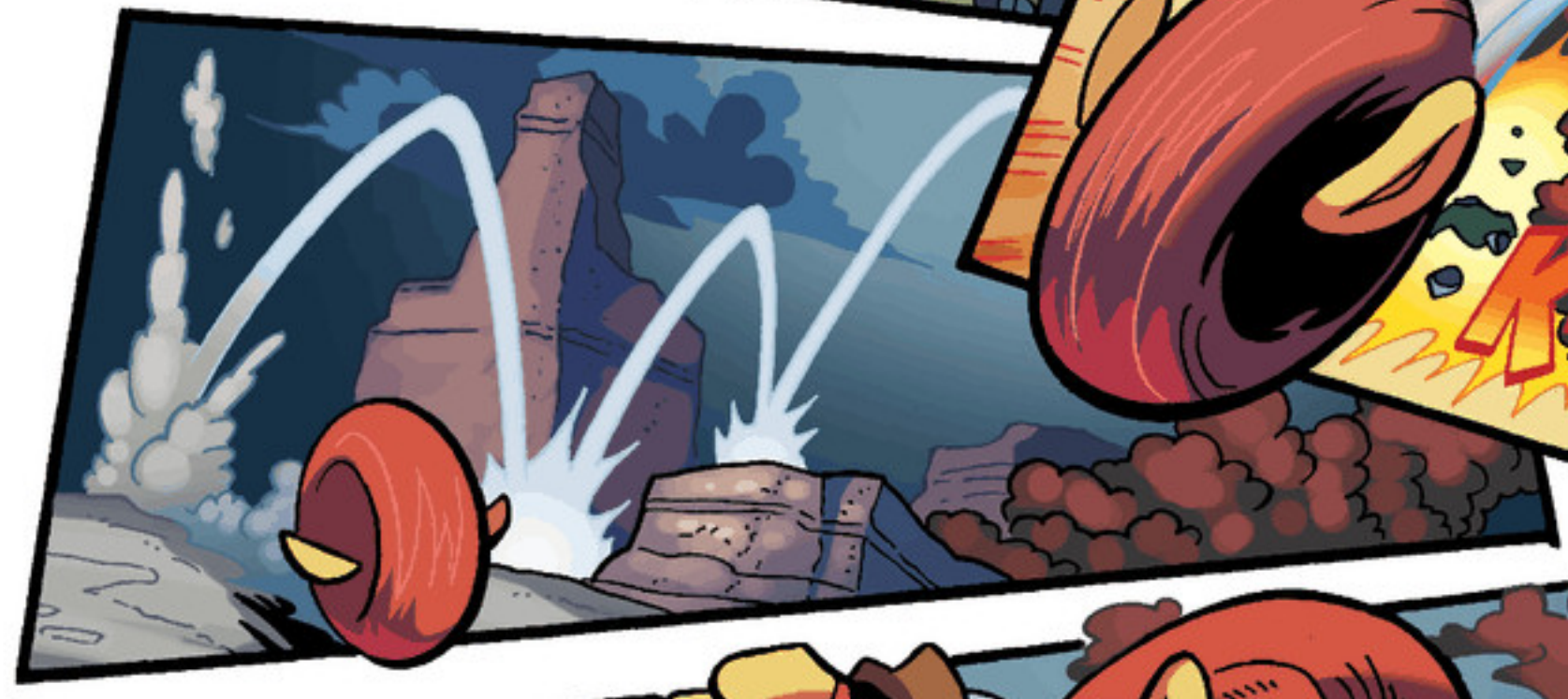
BESIDES, IF THIS DOES BLOW UP IN MY FACE... I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU GUYS TO HAVE MY BACK!





WELL... I GUESS IT WAS
NAT'VE TO THINK IT
MIGHT GO
SMOOTHLY...

HE BENCH-
PRESSES TANKS/
AND HE'S GIVIN' UP?
SOUNDS JUST LIKE
JACK'S SORT OF...
"HUMOR". MOBILIZE
AND TAKE HIM
DOWN!



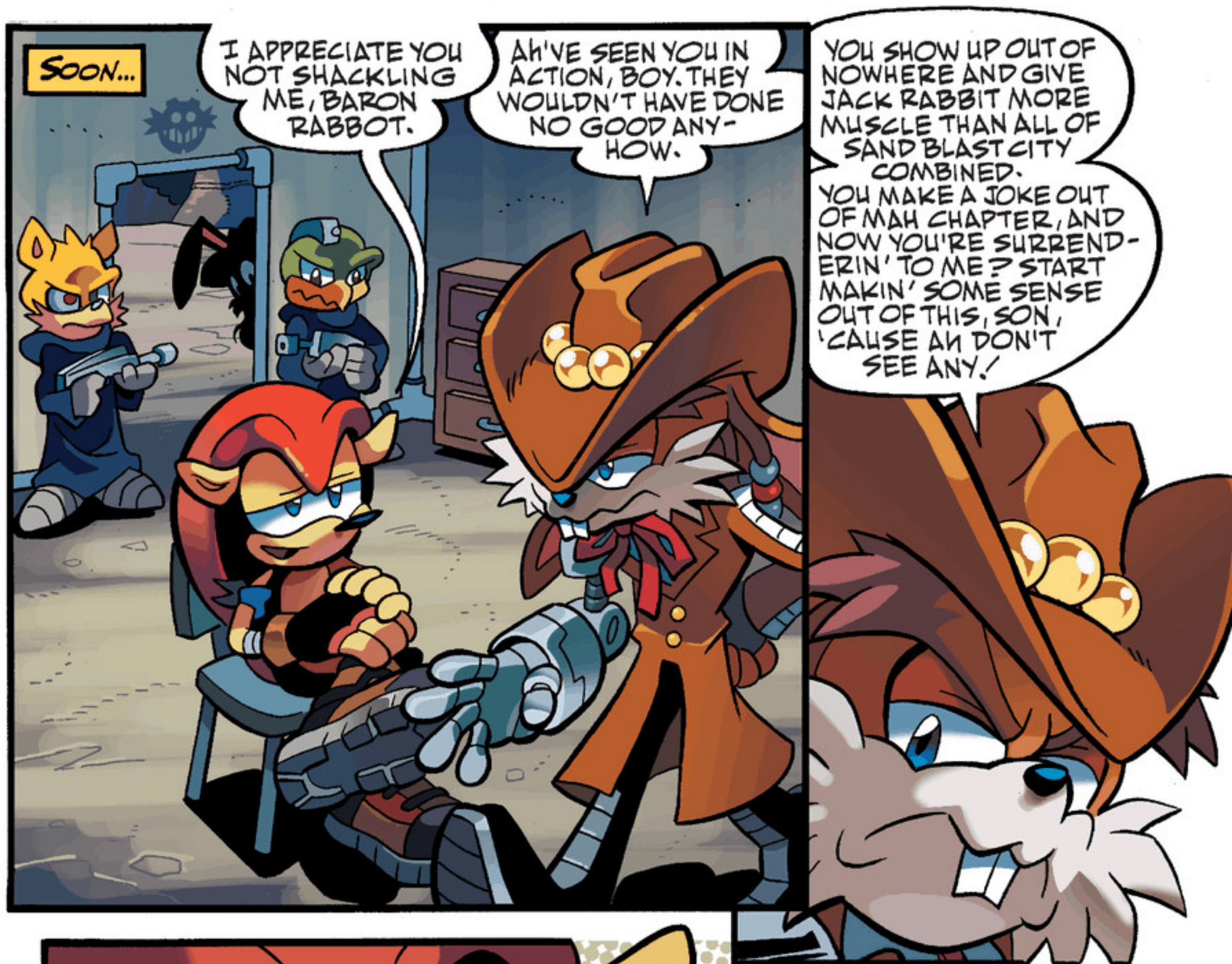


EVENING.
I WAS HOPING
YOU WOULD
CAPTURE ME
NOW.

WHY DO--?!
I DON'T--!

WHATEVER
YOU SAY!





SOON...

I APPRECIATE YOU NOT SHACKLING ME, BARON RABBIT.

AH I'VE SEEN YOU IN ACTION, BOY. THEY WOULDN'T HAVE DONE NO GOOD ANYHOW.

YOU SHOW UP OUT OF NOWHERE AND GIVE JACK RABBIT MORE MUSCLE THAN ALL OF SAND BLAST CITY COMBINED. YOU MAKE A JOKE OUT OF MAH CHAPTER, AND NOW YOU'RE SURRENDERIN' TO ME? START MAKIN' SOME SENSE OUT OF THIS, SON, 'CAUSE AH DON'T SEE ANY!



MY NAME IS MIGHTY. I'M FROM THE CHAOTIX FREEDOM FIGHTER GROUP. WHEN I WAS VERY LITTLE, I LOST MY BABY SISTER.

I TRAVELED HALF THE WORLD AND INFILTRATED THE SAND BLASTERS TO TRACK HER DOWN. I HEARD YOU WERE A FAIR AND DECENT MAN, BARON. ALL I'M ASKING YOU IS-- DO YOU HAVE MY SISTER?



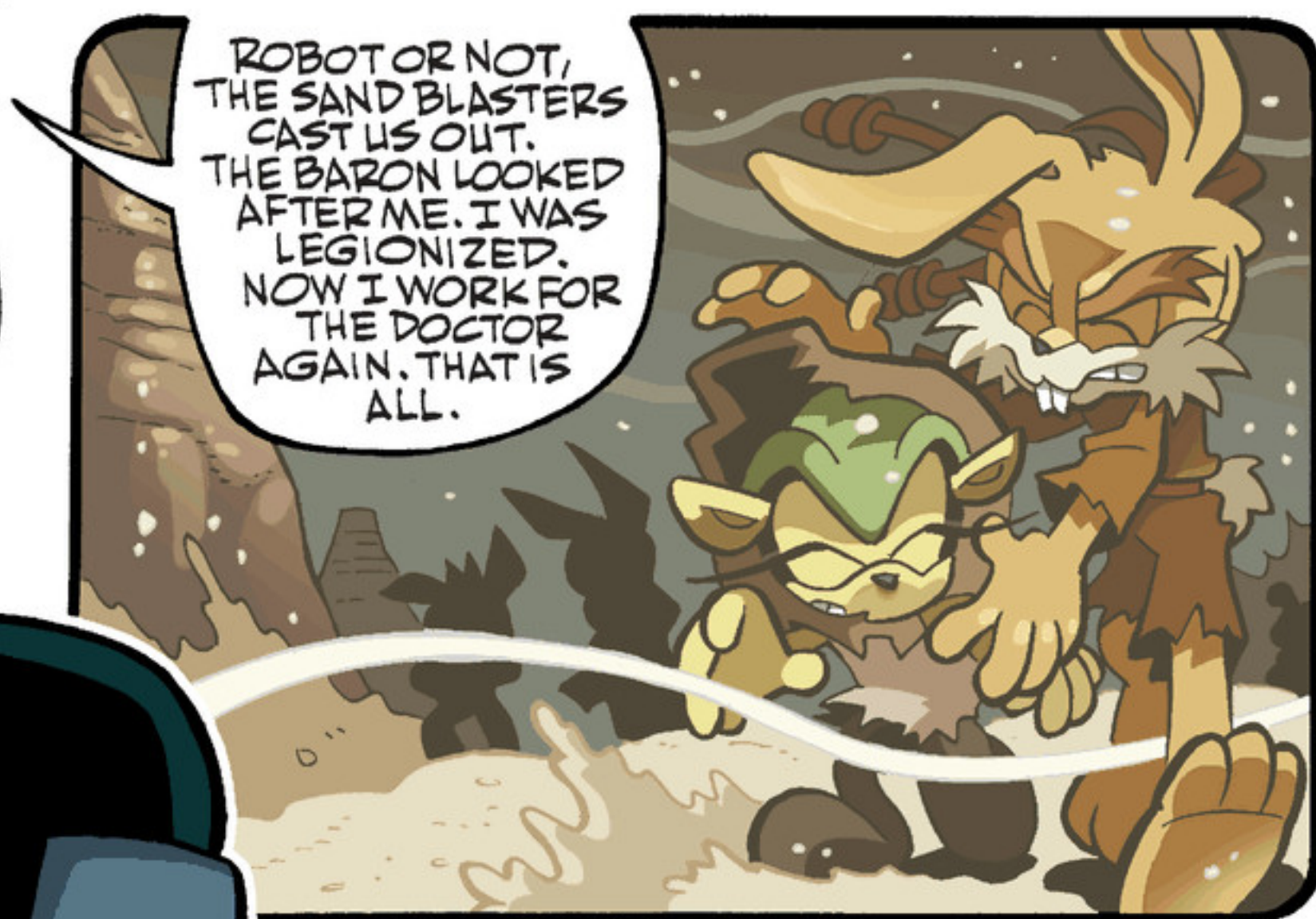
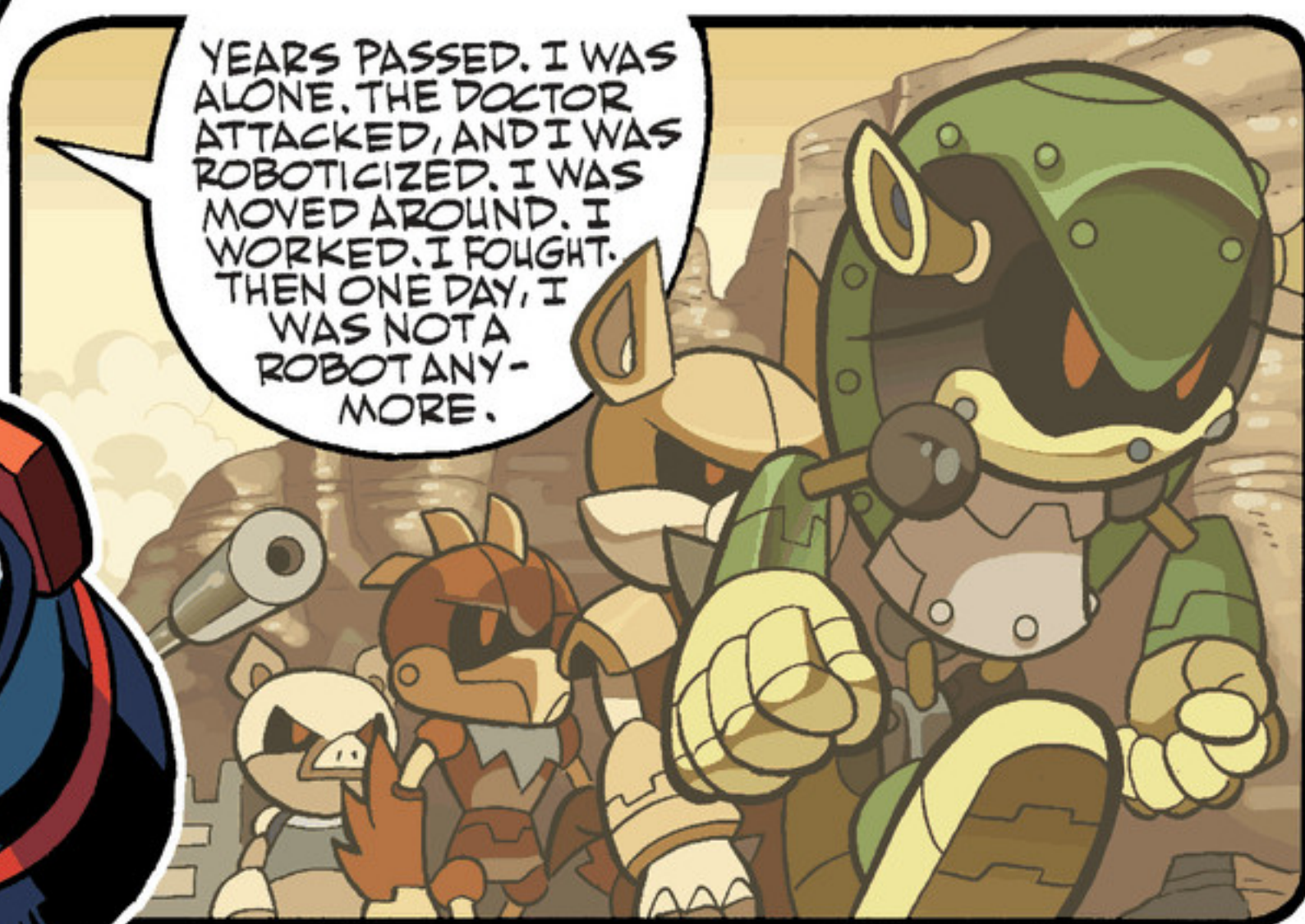
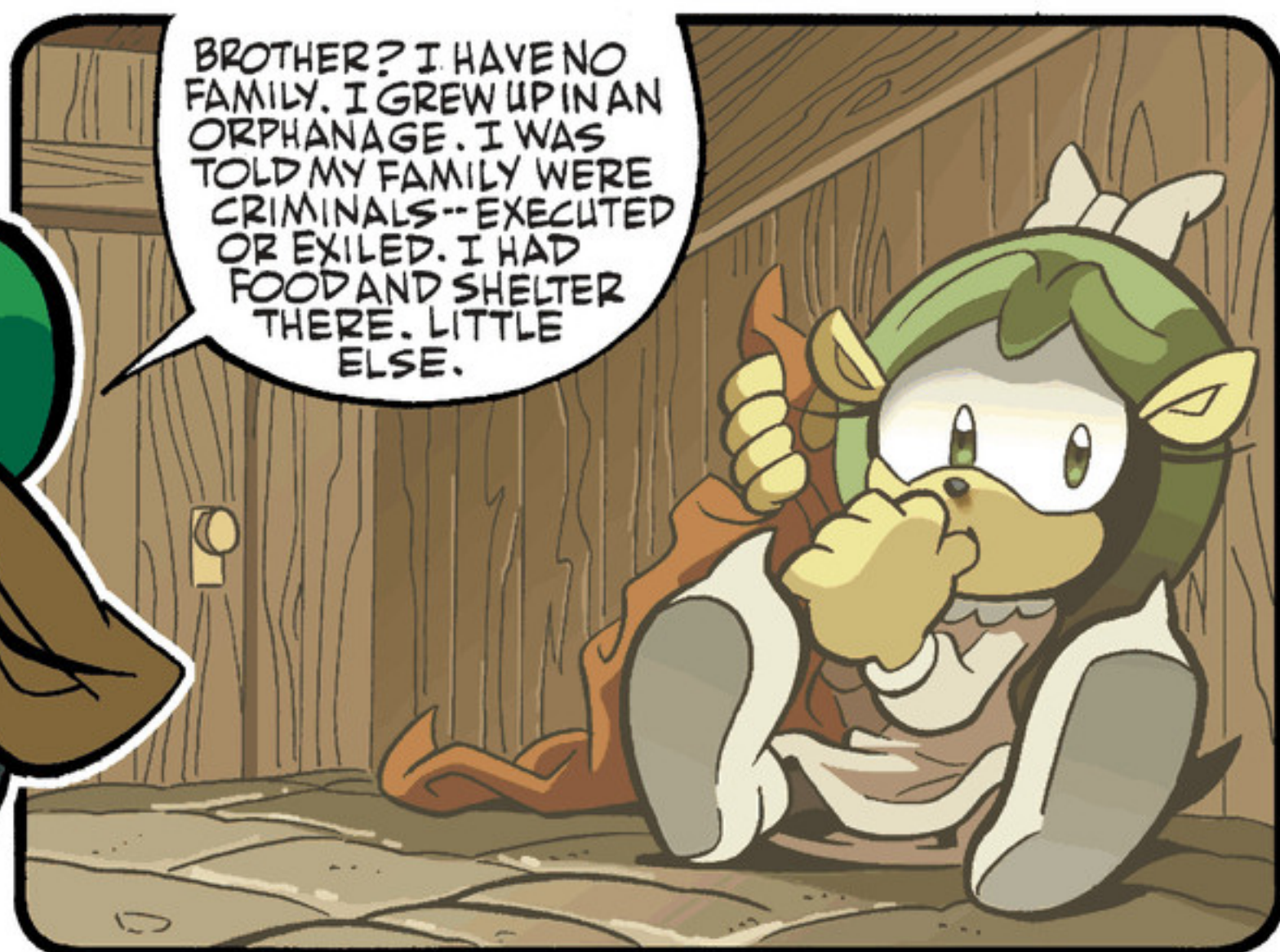
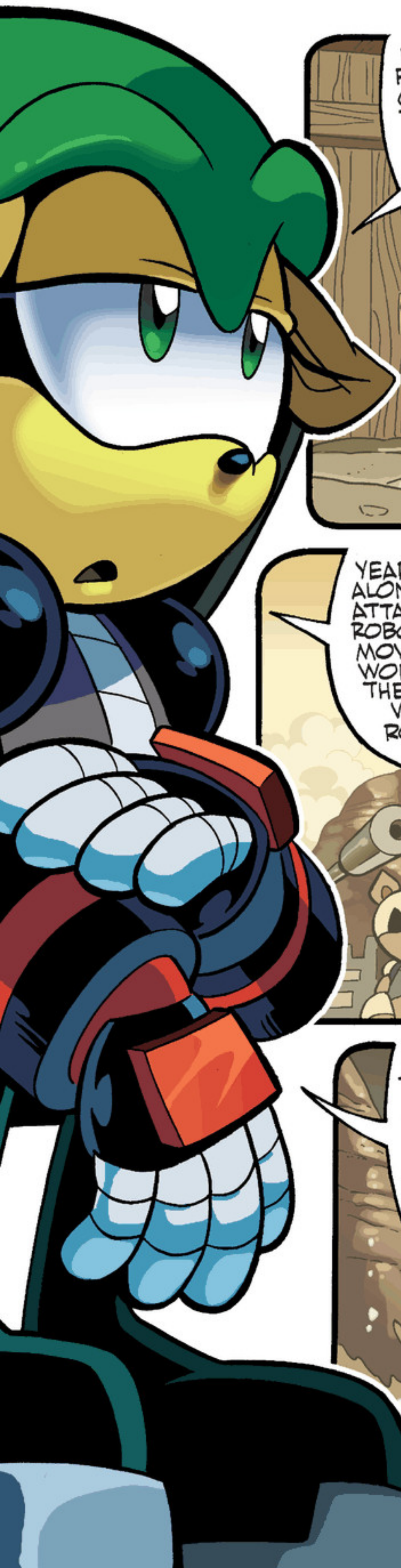
OH, MAH STARS! COULD YOU REALLY BE...?! SOMEBODY FETCH ME MATILDA!

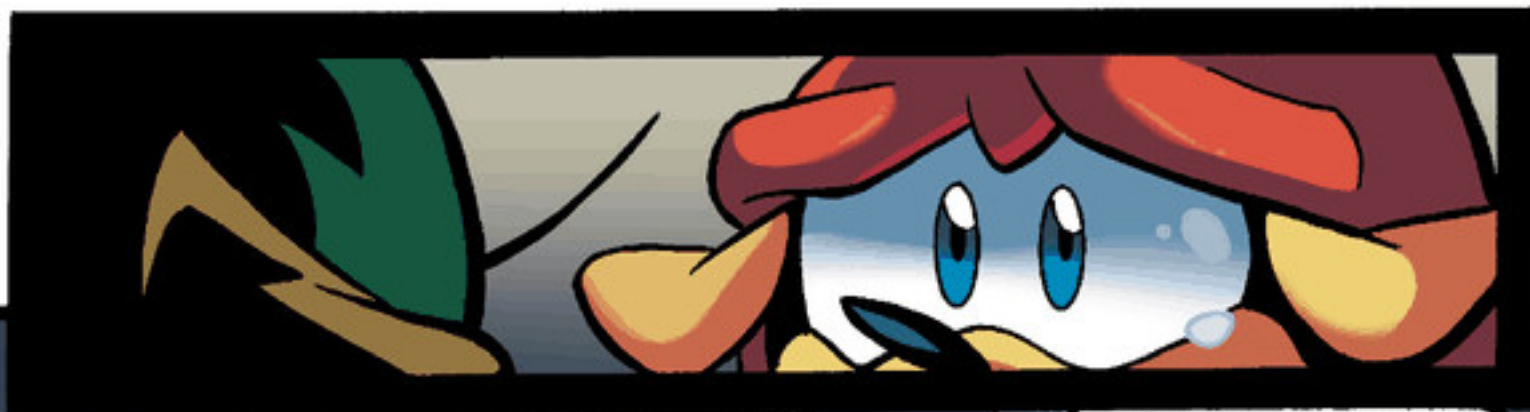
R-REALLY?! YOU REALLY HAVE...?



BARON,
WHO IS
THIS?

YOUR
BROTHER,
DEAR.
HE WANTS TO
KNOW WHERE
YOU'VE BEEN
ALL THIS
TIME.





I'M... I'M SO SORRY I WASN'T THERE FOR YOU. I WAS EXILED FOR TRYING TO... IT'S A LONG STORY. * BUT I'M HERE NOW, AND WE CAN...

I'M SORRY, BUT I DO NOT RE-MEMBER YOU. YOU MEAN NOTHING TO ME.

*STH#185-186



MAY I TURN IN FOR THE NIGHT, BARON?

...YES, MATILDA. YOU'RE DIS-MISSED...

THANK YOU. GOOD NIGHT.



Ah'm SORRY, SON. A CHILDHOOD SPENT ALONE, AS A ROBOT, AND AS A SLAVE HAS LEFT HER, WELL, DISTANT. Ah'd HOPED YOU MIGHT CRACK THAT SHELL SHE'S GOT AROUND HER HEART, BUT...



:(sigh): ON YOUR FEET, SIR.

IS SHE... IS SHE HAPPY HERE?

AS HAPPY AS ANY OF US CAN BE. BUT WE'VE GOT GOOD FOLKS IN THIS CHAPTER. WE'RE LIKE ONE BIG FAMILY IN A SENSE. I'VE MADE A POINT OF LOOKING AFTER THE LITTLE ONES LIKE HER.

...THANK YOU.



NOW LISTEN HERE! FORGET ALL THAT "CHAOTIX" NON-SENSE YOU HEARD! THIS IS JUST ANOTHER SAND BLASTER TELLING JUST ANOTHER LIE. DR. EGGMAN DOES NOT NEED TO BE BOTHERED WITH TONIGHT'S EVENTS. AM AH UNDERSTOOD?

YES, BARON!



Ah'm TRULY SORRY FOR YOU.

Ah SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR PLIGHT MORE THAN YOU KNOW. BUT HAVIN' YOU HERE PUTS US ALL IN A LOT OF TROUBLE.

IF EGGMAN KNEW YOU WERE HERE, OR WHO MATILDA WAS...

I UNDERSTAND.

Ah'll SEND WORD TO JACK Ah WANT TO DO A PRISONER EXCHANGE. Ah'm SURE YOU'VE GOT YOUR ESCAPE PLANNED ONCE YOU GET BACK TO THE CITY. UNTIL THEN, YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY IN THE BRIG TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES.

G'NITE, SIR.



THE NEXT
MORNING...

WHAT HAPPENED
TO FLEX?!

SPILL IT, JITTERS!
YOU'RE ALWAYS
WITH HIM!
SO HOW DID
THIS
HAPPEN?!

I-I-I-I-I-I
D-D-D-D-D-DON'T-T-T-!
TODAY!!

TAKE IT EASY. THE
BOSS WANTED A
SHOT AT THE
BARON HIM-
SELF!

IS
THAT
SO?

YES.
ALONE.

HE SAID IF HE LOST, THE
THREE OF US WERE AN
EVEN TRADE.

Tch!

LIKE YOU
THREE COULD
MEASURE UP
TO FLEX.

CRAZY JERK--
I LIKE HIM, BUT
THAT'S STILL
OUT OF
LINE.



YOU'LL DO FOR NOW.
YOU CAN BE ON THE
FRONT LINES
TODAY!



SURE, UH, BOSS.
BUT WHAT ABOUT
FLEX?



HE GOT CAPTURED,
THE MORON.
NOW THE BARON WANTS
TO DO A PRISONER EX-
CHANGE, AND HE KNOWS
FLEX IS WORTH A LOT
TO ME.



DO YOU HAVE ANYONE
TO EXCHANGE?



OF
COURSE
I DO!

WE TAKE DOWN
THOSE PAJAMA-
WEARIN' FREAKS
BY THE DOZEN. AND
NOW, TO GET FLEX
BACK, I'M GOING TO
HAVE TO RELEASE
THEM JUST AS
FAST!



WE'VE DONE THIS A
FEW TIMES BEFORE.
EVERYONE SHOWS UP,
WE SAY SOME NASTY
WORDS TO EACH OTHER,
PRISONERS CROSS
OVER, AND EVERY-
ONE GOES HOME.

SOUNDS EASY
ENOUGH!





YEAH, BUT I THINK
FLEX HAD THE RIGHT
IDEA.

THIS TIME, WE'RE
NOT GIVIN' ANYBODY UP,
AND THE BARON ISN'T
GOIN' BACK
ALIVE.

A PEACEFUL PRISONER TRANSFER
IS ABOUT TO TURN INTO A FIRE-
FIGHT. CAN THE CHAOTIX KEEP
THINGS UNDER CONTROL? WHAT
DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR
MIGHTY AND MATILDA?!

EVERYTHING **NEXT TIME** IN THE **FINALE!**
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editorial commentary that's a (sand) BLAST to read!

MIGHTY'S JOURNEY -- ALL FOR NOTHING?!

Things have definitely taken a turn for our over-powered Armadillo friend Mighty as his sister Matilda doesn't seem to either recognize him nor care that he's her brother! What's up with that? Hopefully the rest of Mighty's Chaotix buds can, at the very least, get Mighty out of this mess next issue! Y'all better bring it on back here next month for the dramatic conclusion to Chaotix Quest - "All for One!"

2013 marks 20 years for the Sonic comics here at Archie, and I'd like to take this opportunity to send a big "THANK YOU!" to all the fans who have kept the entire Archie-Sonic line going strong for these past two decades! We hope you like what we've got in store for you this year - and it all kicks off with the historic Sonic/Mega Man crossover event this March! Sonic Universe, Sonic the Hedgehog and Mega Man will all tie-

in to this mega-story, so if you want the FULL story it's not too late to subscribe to all three titles now! plugplugplug Plus, check archiecomics.com for a special crossover subscription deal!

MIGHTY'S BEEN TAKEN PRISONER!
CAN THE CHAOTIX GET THEIR PAL
BACK SAFE AND SOUND, OR WILL
THINGS GET EVEN MORE CHAOTIC?!

SEE YA NEXT
MONTH!

- Paul



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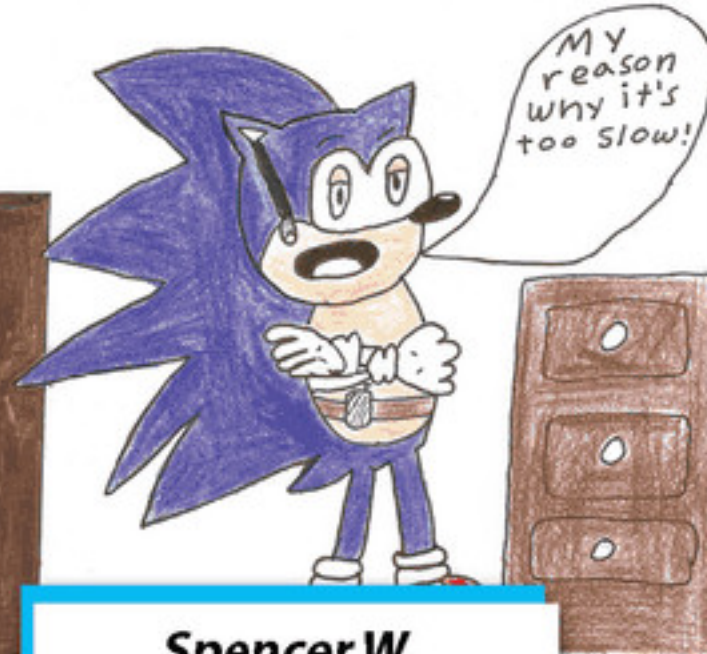
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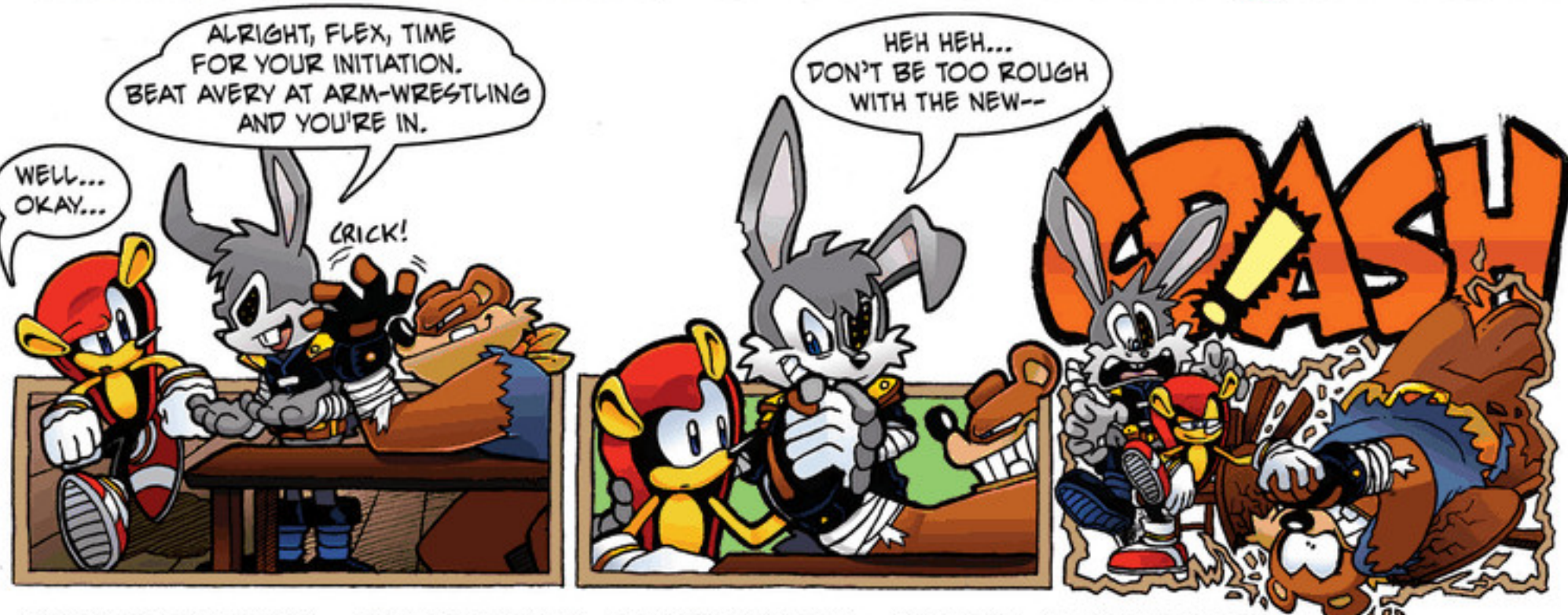
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IT'S PANDEMONIUM AS THE SAND BLASTERS AND EGGMAN'S FORCES BATTLE WITH THE CHAOTIX IN --

"ALL FOR ONE PART 4 (of 4)"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 2/26 /13!

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RELEASE THE DEVIL DOGS!

THE DARK ORIGIN OF THRASH IS REVEALED, LEADING TO ONE OF THE FIERCEST BATTLES EVER IN

"ENDANGERED SPECIES" PART 3 (of 4)

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 2/12/13

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

I really appreciate all of the hard work your team puts into making Sonic comics.

Why thank you! It is hard work, but the entire team would rather be doing nothing else but bringing you awesome Sonic fans the most awesomest Sonic comics around!

I look forward to the big crossover this spring. I've just been wondering if the two villains Dr. Wily and Dr. Eggman will team up or fight each other.

Well, I wouldn't want to spoil anything for you -- but I must say: Wily and Eggman as E.F.F.'s (evil friends forever) is just about the coolest thing I've ever seen! And just wait'll you see the variant cover for Mega Man #25! Oops -- I've said too much!

If they fight each other, I know it will turn into a robotic blast fest.

It will be a fantastical festival of ferocious facial follicles!

Eggman's mecha army versus Wily's dark robot masters. Whatever happens I'm sure it will be epic.

Thank you, from Willie (Cool Fox) H. sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks for writing in, Willie Cool Fox! It will be epic indeed -- and don't forget to subscribe to all 3 titles (Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic Universe, and Mega Man) to get the complete crossover story! The cut-off to subscribe and receive each crossover issue is fast-approaching, so what're you waiting for?? Subscribe today!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

I am really enjoying the Chaotix Arc going on in Sonic Universe.

Me too! Wait'll you see how it ends!

I also like the nod to Amy's past life as a noble.

Ah yes, Amy's family history is a tangled web indeed -- perhaps we will see it in another life, brotha!

The only thing I don't like is the grandmasters having to answer to

Eggman. I wish they were a separate organization. Villains like Conquering Storm and Lord Hood can't reach their full potential being tied to the doctor. Anyway, loving the stories!

-AT
Louisiana

A fine suggestion, AT! I'm sure the Sub-Bosses would love it too -- unfortunately for them, Eggman is kind of a strict boss. Imagine Ebenezer Scrooge, only a portly, homicidal maniac. And I hear there's no dental coverage either - shocking! Anyway, if you want to check out some non-Eggman related villainy, look no further than our sister title, Sonic the Hedgehog, where the uber-awesome THRASH THE DEVIL is wreaking some major havoc on the echidna homeland!

Bring it back here next month for the startling conclusion to CHAOTIX QUEST!

IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want your input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!